

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A fabric having a face side comprising pile fibers having a free length between a proximal end and a distal end, at least a portion of said pile fibers having surface abrasions extending from said distal end towards said proximal end, wherein said surface abrasion are disposed from about 2% to about 90% of said free length of said pile fibers.
2. (Original) A fabric having a face side comprising pile fibers having a free length between a proximal end and a distal end, at least a portion of said pile fibers having surface abrasions extending from said distal end towards said proximal end, wherein said surface abrasions are disposed from about 5% to about 50% of said free length of said pile fibers.
- 3-6. (Cancelled)
7. (New) The fabric according to Claim 1, further including fibrils extending from the distal end.
8. (New) The fabric according to Claim 7, wherein the pile fiber comprises a thermoplastic.
9. (New) The fabric according to Claim 7, wherein the pile fibers further include sidewalls between the proximal end and the distal end, and where in the pile fibers further include fibrils extending from the side walls.
10. (New) The fabric according to Claim 9, wherein the pile fiber comprises a thermoplastic.
- 11 (New) The fabric according to Claim 1, wherein the pile fibers further include sidewalls between the proximal end and the distal end, and where in the pile fibers further include fibrils extending from the side walls.
12. (New) The fabric according to Claim 11, wherein the pile fiber comprises a thermoplastic.
13. (New) The fabric according to Claim 2, further including fibrils extending from the distal end.
14. (New) The fabric according to Claim 13, wherein the pile fiber comprises a thermoplastic.

15. (New) The fabric according to Claim 13, wherein the pile fibers further include sidewalls between the proximal end and the distal end, and where in the pile fibers further include fibrils extending from the side walls.

16. (New) The fabric according to Claim 16, wherein the pile fiber comprises a thermoplastic.

17. (New) The fabric according to Claim 2, wherein the pile fibers further include sidewalls between the proximal end and the distal end, and where in the pile fibers further include fibrils extending from the side walls.

18. (New) The fabric according to Claim 17, wherein the pile fiber comprises a thermoplastic.